

Government Resources

Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA)

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Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 719-6560
www.ota.dc.gov

OTA offers legal advice and educational resources to tenants and advocates for tenants in the legislative context. While OTA cannot assist tenants with the home buying process, OTA can provide technical and legal advice about a tenant's rights under the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA).

Dept. of Housing & Community Development Rental Conversion and Sale Division

1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE
2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20020
Phone: (202) 442-4407
www.dhcd.dc.gov

DHCD creates and preserves opportunities for affordable housing and economic development and revitalizes underserved communities in the District. DHCD's Rental Conversion and Sale Division (CASD) administers The Rental Housing Conversion and Sale Act of 1980, which includes oversight of TOPA.

D.C. Housing Finance Agency (DCHFA)

815 Florida Ave NW,
Washington, DC 20001
Phone: (202) 777-1600
www.dchfa.org

DC Housing Finance Agency is a financial institution and administrator of affordable housing programs and resources for the District of Columbia. DCHFA's Single Family Programs division manages the Agency's homeownership programs, including the DC Open Doors mortgage loan programs, down payment assistance loans, the Mortgage Credit Certificate program, the co-administration of the Home Purchase Assistance Program and the HomeSaver Foreclosure Prevention Programs.

Nonprofit Legal Resources

Most nonprofit organizations listed below can only provide assistance to *low-income* D.C. tenants. Depending on the organization and your circumstances, the income limits typically range from 125% to 250% of the federal poverty level. Please contact each organization at the information below to see if you qualify for their services.

Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia

1331 H Street, NW, Suite 350
Washington, DC 20005

2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Suite 201
Washington, DC 20020

Phone: (202) 628-1161
www.legalaiddc.org

Legal Aid Society represents low-income tenants in eviction cases in the Landlord and Tenant Court and in administrative hearings to preserve housing subsidies and challenge unlawful rent increases. Legal Aid attorneys also assist clients living with deplorable housing conditions by representing them in affirmative suits to obtain repairs. Legal Aid conducts in person intake on Mondays and Thursdays.

Legal Counsel for the Elderly (AARP)

601 E Street, NW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20049
Phone: (202) 434-2120 (legal hotline)
www.aarp.org/LCE

Champions the dignity and rights of D.C.'s elderly tenants by providing free legal services to those in need. To qualify for assistance, you must be 60 years of age or older, but you do not need to be an AARP member.

Nonprofit Legal Resources (continued)

Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)

64 New York Avenue NE, Suite 180
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 832-6577
www.nlsp.org

Strives to provide the best possible legal assistance to low-income residents of the District of Columbia by preventing evictions & homelessness. NLSP will consider housing cases including eviction defense, housing conditions issues, the termination of rent subsidies, and foreclosure or threatened loss of housing.

4609 Polk Street NE
Washington, DC 20019

Homeownership & Housing Counseling Community Based Organizations Resources

The following Community Based Organizations (CBO) provide housing counseling services and training to potential home buyers focusing on low-to-moderate income residents and neighborhoods. Homeowner counseling services include credit counseling, home/budget management, homebuyers clubs, and administration of DHCD homeownership and first time buyer programs.

Housing Counseling Services (HCS)

2410 17th Street, NW, Suite 100
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 667-7006
www.housingetc.org

Manna, Inc.

828 Evarts St NE
Washington, DC 20018
Phone: (202) 832-1845
www.mannadc.org

Greater Washington Urban League

2901 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 265-8200
www.gwul.org

Latino Economic Development Corporation

641 S Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
Phone: (202) 588-5102
www.ledcmetro.org

Lydia's House, Inc.

4101 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20032
Phone: (202) 373-1050
www.lydiashousendc.org